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**Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection**

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**Court of Appeals Selects Three Trustees and Chairman Elected  
for Lawyers' Fund**

(Albany, NY - 2/7/17) The Court of Appeals has appointed a new Trustee and reappointed two current Trustees to administer the New York Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. The Lawyers' Fund is a special trust financed by New York's legal profession which reimburses law clients for the misuse of their money by an attorney in the practice of law.

**Lisa L. Hutchinson** of Nassau County was appointed by the Court to her first term as a Trustee. Ms. Hutchinson is a partner in the Farmingdale law firm of Guercio & Guercio. She becomes only the 19<sup>th</sup> Trustee in the 34-year history of the Lawyers' Fund.

**Stuart M. Cohen** of Rensselaer County has been re-appointed to his 2<sup>nd</sup> term of office as a Trustee with the Lawyers' Fund. Mr. Cohen, who served for 14 years as the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, is a sole practitioner in Rensselaer.

**Charlotte G. Holstein** of Onondaga County was re-appointed to serve her 6<sup>th</sup> Trustee term with the Lawyers' Fund. Mrs. Holstein is a civic leader, founder and Executive Director of F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse, a community interest group.

The Fund's Trustees also re-elected **Eric A. Seiff** of the Bronx to continue as the Fund's Chairman. Mr. Seiff has served as a Fund Trustee since 1982 and Chairman since 2010. Mr. Seiff is of counsel to the Manhattan law firm of Storch Amini, P.C.

Since 1982, the Fund's Trustees, who serve without compensation as a public service, have reimbursed over \$198 million to eligible law clients. The Fund does not receive any tax dollars.

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